

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 79-387-W - ORDER NO. 80-225 ✓

April 23, 1980

IN RE: Application of River Pines Water System,)	
Inc. for establishment of rates and)	APPROVAL OF
charges for water service provided to)	RATES AND
its customers in River Pines Subdivi-)	CHARGES
sion, York County, South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the South Carolina Public Service Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") by way of the Application of River Pines Water System, Inc. (hereinafter "the Company") filed October 9, 1979, whereby the Company seeks approval to operate a water system providing service to residential customers in River Pines Subdivision, York County, South Carolina. The Company concomitantly filed for approval a schedule of temporary rates and charges pending a hearing and final disposition by the Commission of the herein Application. The Application was filed pursuant to S. C. Code Ann., §§58-5-210 et seq. (1976) and was accompanied by a plat of the proposed service area as required by R.103-712(2.4).

Subsequent to receipt of the Application, by letter dated December 19, 1979, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to cause to have published a prepared Notice of Filing in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to indicate the nature of the Application and to stipulate the manner and time in which all interested parties desiring participation in the scheduled proceeding should file the appropriate pleadings. The Company was further required to notify directly all customers affected by the instant Application. On January 4, 1980, the Company furnished an affidavit of publication evidencing compliance with the instructions of the Executive Director. Additionally,

the Company provided certification of service by mail of a copy of the Notice of Filing upon each customer affected by the instant Application.

Subsequently, on November 1, 1979, the Commission issued its Order No. 79-616 in the instant Docket whereby approval was extended for the implementation of a schedule of temporary rates and charges, pending a public hearing on the merits of the Application and the Commission's subsequent disposition with respect thereto.

II.

Thereafter, on March 17, 1980, a public hearing relative to the instant Application was held in the offices of the Commission, Hearing Examiner Harold Gooding presiding. Donald W. Harper, Esquire, represented the Company, and Cheryl Ann Walker Davis, Esquire, Staff Counsel, represented the Commission and the Commission Staff. There were no appearances entered in opposition to the Company's Application. Furthermore, the record of the proceeding indicates that all parties stipulated to a Waiver of the Proposed Decision otherwise required by the State Administrative Procedures Act.

III.

Based upon a thorough review of the record herein, the Commission is of the opinion, and so finds, that the proposed schedule of rates and charges is unreasonable and excessive. Consequently, the Commission has determined that the previously approved schedule of temporary rates and charges is fair and reasonable and, as such, should be approved on a permanent basis.

APPROVED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

First 2,000 gallons	\$4.00
All over 2,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	\$1.04

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

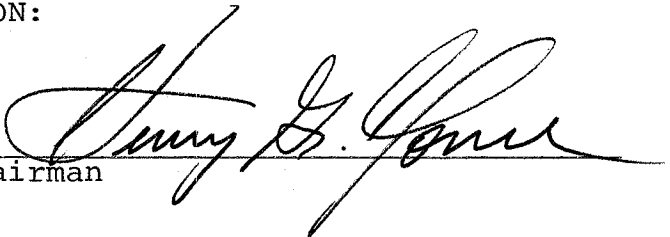
1. That River Pines Water System, Inc., is hereby granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a water system in the proposed service area in River Pines Subdivision, York County, South Carolina.

2. That the schedule of rates and charges proposed by River Pines Water System, Inc. be, and hereby is, denied, and that the schedule of rates and charges approved herein may be charged by River Pines Water System, Inc. for water service rendered on or after the date of this Order.

3. That River Pines Water System, Inc. shall maintain its books and records for its water operations in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts for Class A and B Water Utilities, as adopted by the Commission.

4. That this Order remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)